

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<p>In re Application of Ansaldi et al.</p>	<p>Group Art Unit: 1642 Examiner: Jennifer Nichols</p>
<p>Serial No.: 09/320,100</p>	<p>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on</p>
<p>Filed: May 26 1999</p>	<p>July 26, 2000 <i>Pamela Gavette</i> Pamela Gavette</p>
<p>For: SEPARATION OF POLYPEPTIDE MONOMERS</p>	

AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 1999, and re-mailed with a resetting of the clock on March 1, 2000. Enclosed is a Petition and Fee to extend the period for response two months until August 1, 2000. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A method [is disclosed] for separating a polypeptide monomer from a mixture comprising monomers and dimers or multimers or both, wherein the method [comprises] consists essentially of applying the mixture to a cation-exchange or anion-exchange chromatography resin in a buffer, wherein if the resin is cation-exchange, the pH of the buffer is about 4-7, and wherein if the resin is anion-exchange, the pH of the buffer is about 6-9, and eluting the mixture at a gradient of about 0-1 M of an elution salt, wherein the monomer is separated from the dimers or multimers or both present in the mixture, and wherein the separated monomer has a purity of greater than 99.5% and the monomer yield is greater than 90%.

2. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the polypeptide is [an antibody or] a serum albumin.

3. (Amended) The method of claim [2] 1 wherein the [antibody] polypeptide is anti-IgE, anti-IgG, anti-Her-2, anti-CD11a, anti-CD18, anti-CD20, [or] anti-VEGF, or IgE.

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